

Mass Youth Soccer BOD Meeting  
April 23, 2003

Present: S. Bloom, S. Gorman, C. Goldstein, N. Hart, J. Scarpaci, J. Linnehan, T. Filippetti, S. Smoller, J. Gondek, R. Braney, P. Irwin.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. A quorum was declared present.

**Acceptance of March BOD minutes**

*Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Nancy Hart to accept the minutes. PASSED unanimously.*

**Executive Session**

The board went into executive session for a brief discussion.

**State Head Coach**

*Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Nancy Hart that the board ratify the decision to hire Michael Singleton as state head coach. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Executive Director's Report**

Jim Gondek's report was submitted in advance via email, and is appended to these minutes.

Regarding ODP, Sid Bloom wants to make sure no one attends Ryder Cup who has not paid on time. Those who applied for a scholarship and did not get one will be given three months to pay their fees. Carl Goldstein suggested sending a warning letter giving the others who are late three weeks to pay in full or they cannot play.

**Capital Campaign**

Sid Bloom introduced Paul Irwin, president of MAPLE who will serve as chairman of the capital campaign committee. Paul had some questions concerning the direction he should take, what the pitch is going to be, what is the total cost of the project, how much can we pay for and how much will be financed. Carl Goldstein feels we'll have estimates of the total cost within 30 days. Carl would like Paul's committee to develop a list of potential corporate sponsors. Paul suggested chairing a meeting of the other committee chairmen involved with the field project. This meeting will consist of Paul Irwin, Joe Nagle, John Burrill, Carl Goldstein, Sid Bloom, and Jim Gondek.

**Reports of Program Managers**

- MTOC – the leagues committee met and discussed the \$1 assessment to the membership. The committee wants the entire assessment returned to the membership. At MTOC the committee will introduce a “final four concept for those teams making it into the semis. Those teams will receive special T shirts. The Sportsmanship Award T shirts will also be different from the regular tournament T shirts. Nick Prioet will chair the Sportsmanship Award.
- Instruction – Report from Howie Blatt submitted via email and appended to these minutes.
- Recreation – Nancy Hart reported she has ordered all of the districts uniforms and will be meeting with the girls' and boys' administrators tomorrow.
- ODP – Jared Scarpaci reported the scholarships were taken care of. At the Border Cup tournament at Keene State in NH Mass teams did very well, winning almost all of their games. Jared is developing a new brochure. The prototype is on the web page. Jared would like to revisit the player priority guidelines. *Nancy Hart moved,*

*seconded by Terri Filippetti, to revisit their player priority guidelines.* Motion passed 4-3, Nancy will chair the committee.

### **Financial Overview**

Carl gave a short analysis – we are in good shape. The issue of affiliation fees came up. Many town organizations are not affiliating all of their members. Affiliation revenue is significantly less than last year to date.

### **Land Project Update**

Hirsh wants to close before May 9. We have had a few meetings with consultants and contractors. Cutler & Associates will either bid on the project or serve as clerk of the works.

*Carl Goldstein moved, seconded by Steve Smoller, that, subject to bank approval, and upon completion of the land sale, we refund the \$1 assessment to the membership, provided they are affiliated and in good standing.* Motion passed 6-0-1.

### **New Video Project**

John Burrill proposed a budget via email as well as an outline of the content. Paul Irwin's committee will provide input.

### **Advertising Super Y League**

The Cape Cod Crusaders ad in the Bay Stater proposes advertising the Super Y League tryouts. Sid Bloom does not want to advertise the Super Y League, since it competes with USYS programs. Terri asked if we have the right to refuse ads. Jim Gindek responded we do have that right. John Linnehan asked if Mass Youth has a position on the Super Y League. *Carl Goldstein moved, seconded by Nancy Hart, that we support Sid's decision on the ad.* The motion passed 6-0-1.

### **Thorpe Bad Standing – Removal**

Jim Thorpe was placed in bad standing last year due to non-payment of ODP fees. His mother wants to get him out of bad standing by paying the outstanding debt this year. The board voted 7-0 not to remove him from bad standing.

### **PVJSL Bad Standing Hearing**

Jim Gondek reviewed the issue between a coach from Agawam and the Pioneer Valley league involving his suspension, appeal and resulting action on the part of the league. There are many conflicting factors in this issue and it is unclear if the process was followed correctly. *Skip Gorman moved, seconded by Nancy Hart, that we appoint a new appeals committee to hear the appeal of Costa vs. Pioneer Valley Soccer League, to be heard within 15 days, with all correspondence to be via certified mail.* The motion passed 7-0.

### **Old Business**

- Marketing position – Skip Gorman asked the status of the search. Jim replied the committee is trying to narrow 155 applications down to approx. 35 candidates.

### **New Business**

- Boston Breakers advertising – Sid Bloom announced that the Breakers and Mass Youth have bartered advertising and we will receive two field boards at BU field for Breakers games.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Smoller,  
Secretary

**Addenda:**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**  
*March 2003*

We have entered one of the busiest times of the year from the standpoint of office support, with registrations and program support exerting significant time demands on the staff.

- Spring registrations were due in mid-March. We have been tracking the organizations with the attempt to identify those organizations that have not yet submitted Spring registration data. Thanks to the efforts of the several League registrars, we have gotten good results in our follow-up efforts.
- In addition to the affiliation reports, we have also been following up with organizations to obtain missing or incomplete paperwork, or to obtain the disks for the database. This audit element helps us validate the registration information we receive from the organizations.
- Instruction activity for March was extremely high. This placed demands on getting instructors to cover all of the courses. In addition, it required extensive coordination to ensure that course material was prepared and shipped to the course contacts.
- Office support for ODP spanned several areas. We have been invoicing all players for the team and Rider Cup fees. In terms of team fees, we have collected 81% of invoiced amounts. Rider Cup invoices were sent out in mid-March. Several families are awaiting final determination of the advertising accounting and scholarship determination prior to making payment.
- In terms of the ODP ad project, most of the ads were received prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. The next task is to prepare the ads for submission to the printer. The goal is to secure the final proof by mid-May.
- ODP uniforms were received, sorted, screened and delivered to teams prior to the Border Cup.
- Our KidSafe organizational files are regularly updated to reflect new registrations and returned to the organizations for verification. As a result of the Workshop and the article in the last issue of the paper, we have increased attention being paid by the towns and clubs. We are able to respond to their requests for reports within two business days. CORI submissions to the state are done on a regular basis.
- We had 130 requests for permission to travel in March. Of these, 22% were considered "Late" (less than two weeks prior to travel).

On more general issues:

- We have heard from Hirsh that he hopes to close earlier than planned. WE have been trying to advance the closing schedule that was originally developed. In part, we are dependant on getting releases from both Region 1 and BankNorth.
- A series of meetings were held with engineering groups. Carl coordinated a meeting with Cutler Associates and I participated in a follow-up meeting with them at the office and conducted a tour of the lad to be developed. Additionally, I had follow-up appointments with the two firms that had provided us with input for our special meeting. Both are interested in providing additional information, although all parties indicated a need to review the development work, files, environmental reports, etc that had previously been done. I have been coordinating this with John Davagian.
- I also met with Paul Irwin to provide him with an overview of the prior work that had been done with respect to the capital campaign and to provide him with some contact information. Paul identified a few items that I needed to obtain for him.

- At Carl's request, I attended a meeting he scheduled for Soccer for Hope. The intent is to develop a program that will be run in Worcester.
- I also attended a meeting of several non-profit organizations that was examining the issue of youth obesity and ways to provide programs to combat it. The primary benefit from that session was the development of contacts of other educational organizations within the state that may prove to be program partners.

#### **Instructional Program Report – 3/17/2003**

- The Instructional Program continues to run smoothly during this interim period while we continue to actively seek a new State Head Coach/Director of Coaching. February has been a relatively quiet month in the Instructional Program. Weekly Development Coach meetings continue as the calendar for the Spring begins to fill-up with courses and other activities.
- The MYSA Workshop was a great success. The entire Instructional Staff is to be commended for their marketing efforts and for putting together a great group of clinical presenters. The staff worked hard on the day of the workshop to provide quality presentations and to oversee other scheduled events, making sure the sessions ran smoothly and on-time.
- The State Head Coach/Director of Coaching hiring process continues. Three finalists have been identified. We hope to offer the job to one of these candidates before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Howie Blatt  
MYSA VP of Instruction